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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

EXAMINER: SHIBUYA, ML

APPLICANT: SOHOCKI §
SERIAL NO: 09/765061 §

FOR: MUTATIONS IN A NOVEL §

PHOTORECEPTOR-PINEAL GENE ON 17P CAUSE §

LEBER CONGENITAL AMAUROSIS (LCA4)

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10

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## PETITION FOR 2 MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant respectfully petitions the Assistant Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to grant a 2 MONTH extension of time to and including 21 July 2006, in which to file a response to the office action dated 21 April 2006.

A check in the amount of \$225 is enclosed.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 501518.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: July 6, 2006

Robert W. Strozier, Reg. No. 34,024

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